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RE:

Application for membership on North American Numbering Council

(NANC)

Washington, DC 20554

September 14, 1995

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) hereby applies for a seat on the North American Numbering Council (NANC) to represent the interests of equipment manufacturers and suppliers. In accordance with the FCC's Public Notice requesting nominations for membership, DA 95-1721, released August 9, 1995, TIA provides the following information:

Applicant:

The Telecommunications Industry Association, as a trade association and American National Standards Institute-accredited Standards Developer, representing the interests of equipment manufacturers and suppliers on numbering issues affecting equipment. To be represented by the following individuals:

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Authorization:

As a trade association, TIA is authorized by its members to take public policy, regulatory, and technical positions on matters affecting the industry. TIA has represented the industry on other FCC advisory groups including the FCC's Network Reliability Council (NRC) and the Hearing Aid Compatibility Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (HACNRC). TIA and its Engineering Committees also work closely with the FCC and its staff on other issues such as Part 68 implementation, international issues, spectrum allocation, electromagnetic compatibility, equipment authorization, interference management, compatibility, among others.

Interest of Party:

In addition to regulators, numbering issues are important to three major areas: service providers, equipment manufacturers, and users. Since TIA represents over 550 equipment manufacturers and suppliers, it is uniquely situated to be one of the representatives for this segment. From its product-oriented Divisions it can provide input on numbering issues as they affect Mobile and Personal Communications, User Premises Equipment, Satellite Communications, and Network Equipment. As technical matters come up, TIA can draw upon the technical expertise of its Engineering Committees. These Committees are currently active on many of the numbering issues to be faced by the NANC. TIA is also the USA Secretariat to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Consultative Committee Telecommunications (CCT) as well as an Associate Member of CITEL in PCC I, II, and III, and, thus, can provide liaison to those for aas well. TIA and its members also work with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecommunications and Radio Standardization Sectors and can provide linkage to those for as well. TIA also cooperates with other Standards Developers such as Committee T1 as well as trade associations representing the service providers.

Commitment:

TIA commits that its representatives will actively participate in good faith in the objectives of the NANC. FCC staff have numerous interfaces with TIA and can attest to TIA's active participation in FCC issues as well as other government initiatives of the

Department of Commerce, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of State, the United States Trade Representative and other federal agencies.

TIA has experience participating on Federal Advisory Committees and is prepared to cooperate in hosting some of the meetings as it did with the HACNRC.

TIA's primary nominee has over 30 years experience in the telecommunications industry on complex legal, technical, and regulatory matters including numbering issues. In addition, Mr. Bart can also represent the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) since he also heads the EIA Engineering Department. TIA believes its nominees will be valuable assets to the NANC's deliberations

If FCC staff have any additional questions on this application, they should be directed to Dan Bart or either of the Directors named.

Respectfully submitted,

Telecommunications Industry Association

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